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SUBJECT: DSAA DIRECTOR LTGEN FISH LETTER TO SAG MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN
CONCERNING PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING CORPS OF ENGINEERS PROJECTS

REF (A) STATE 32347, (B) JIDDA 0696

1. AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH COE AND DISCUSSION WITHIN THE
EMBASSY WE HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FISH LETTER (REF B)
THAT WE REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT TO ANSWER BEFORE WE DELIVER THE LETTER.

2. FISH LETTER SAYS THAT THE COE MUST USE FMS PROCEDURES AND LOA
DD FORM 1513 FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION WORK IN SAUDI ARABIA. THIS APPEARS
TO TAMPER WITH THE PROCEDURES STIPULATED IN THE 1965 AGREEMENT
COVERING COE ACTIVITIES HERE. (SEE 14 UST 1181; TIAS 5414; 488
UNTS 180 AND ITS EXTENSION 24 UST 1779; TIAS 7687) IS SUCH A
UNILATERAL CHANGE BY AN EXECUTIVE AGENCY PERMISSIBLE?

3. ALSO BY GOING FMS ON ALL ACTIVITIES THE COE WOULD LOSE SOME OF
THE FLEXIBILITY IT NOW HAS IN RESPONDING RAPIDLY TO MINDEF REQUESTS
AND IN ADJUSTING TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE KINGDOM.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER THE ABOVE ISSUES.
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